THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c) There has been shortfall in production of steam coal in Raniganj Coalfield during the period April—December, 1990 mainly on account of inadequate and irregular power supply to coal mines in the Eastern Region. As a result, despatch of steam coal to pottery units fell short of target. However, from January, 91 onwards the production as well as loading of coal has picked up and more steam coal is being supplied to these consumers.

Status of Air Hostesses in Air India

176. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air hostesses of Air India are not treated at par with their male counterparts, the flight pursers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the conditions imposed on air hostesses who wish to continue beyond the age of 35 years are humiliating in nature;

(c) whether the status of senior air hostesses like Chief Air hostess, the Additional Chief Air Hostess and the Deputy Chief Air Hostess is at the junior most position in the officer's cadre; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Air hostesses and Flight pursers in Air India are separate categories governed by a different set of rules, regulations and service conditions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-utilisation of amount sanctioned for expansion of Civil Airport, Jodhpur

177. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of the amount sanctioned for the expansion of the Civil Airport at Jodhpur and for providing passenger amenities;

(b) how much amount has since been utilised so far;

(c) by when the total amount is likely to be utilised; and

(d) whether additional amount is proposed to be sanctioned to meet the requirements of the planned development of the Jodhpur Civil Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) The passenger amenities like Water coolers, Air-conditioners etc. have been provided at Jodhpur airport. For expansion of terminal building, Car Park etc., a provision was made in the National Airports Authority's Annual Plan 1989-90 but due to paucity of funds the work could not be taken up by the Authority. The work to extend and modify the existing terminal building is projected for 1991-92 subject to availability of adequate funds.

Passenger traffic at Civil Airport Jodhpur

178. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of passengers boarding for and arriving by

different flights from the Civil Airport, Jodhpur, month-wise for the last three years;

(b) what is the amount collected by sale of air tickets at this airport month-wise during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of expenditure incurred for stay arrangements and other amenities for passengers on account of (i) delay in flight timings (ii) cancellation of flights and (iii) overflying of planes to Jodhpur Civil Airport during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether any expenditure is required to be incurred on the crew members to regulate the flights at Civil Airport, Jodhpur, and if so, what is the amount spent during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) A statement showing the number of outgoing and incoming passengers on Indian Airlines flights at the Civil Airport, Jodhpur month-wise for the last three years is given at Annexure-I. (*See* Appendix CLVII. Annexure No. 6).

Services to Jodhpur were started by Vayudoot with effect from 16-12-90. The number of passengers travelled by Vayudoot flights is as under:—

	December, 90	January, 91
To Jodhpur .	72	106
From Jodhpur .	179	183

(b) The month-wise sales recorded by Indian Airlines at Jodhpur for the last three years is given in the Statement.

The ticket sales of Vayudoot from Jodhpur are approximately as under:

December, 90	Rs. 1·15 lakhs
January, 91 .	Rs. 1·45 lakhs

(c) Expenditure incurred for stay arrangements and other amenities for passengers on account of delay in flight timings cancellation of flights and over flying of planes to Jodhpur, Civil Airport during the last three years by Indian Airlines is as under:—

Year	Amount in lakhs
	Rs.
1987-88 . . .	3·64
1988-89 . . .	9·87
1989-90 . . .	10·82

No expenditure was incurred by Vayudoot due to delays, cancellations of flights at Jodhpur.

(d) Two sets of cockpit crew are required by Indian Airlines to night stop at Jodhpur with effect from March, 1990 due to operational requirements. The yearly expenditure in connection with night stop of Pilots at Jodhpur is estimated at Rs. 18 lakhs. The crew of Vayudoot is not needed to night halt at Jodhpur.

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The monthwise sales recorded at Jodhpur Station for the last three years by Indian Airlines

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
April	14·95	16·16	17·90
May	16·54	16·82	23·77
June	15·09	15·99	17·95
July	14·78	13·22	17·77
August	13·14	13·88	15·74
September	14·32	15·52	20·33
October	14·46	15·74	20·21
November	14·75	16·72	14·75
December	16·32	15·97	18·19
January	17·20	16·98	18·79
February	17·11	15·05	17·35
March	15·58	16·34	16·34

Opening of residential polytechnic for women at Jodhpur

179. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project submitted by Rajasthan Government for opening a residential polytechnic for Women at Jodhpur under direct Central assistance has been finalised and approved; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) In view of the project on Technician Education launched with World Bank assistance it has been decided not to take up for implementation the proposed scheme for setting up of residential polytechnics for women under the Central Sector. Rajasthan is covered in the first phase of the project which is under implementation.

Coal scandal in Central Coalfields Limited

180. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal traders in CCL deposit money for cheapest quality of coal and manage to get loaded costlier variety of coal in connivance with the high officials of the company;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hold any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) whether the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Central Coalfields Limited has amassed huge wealth disproportionate to the known sources of his income?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.